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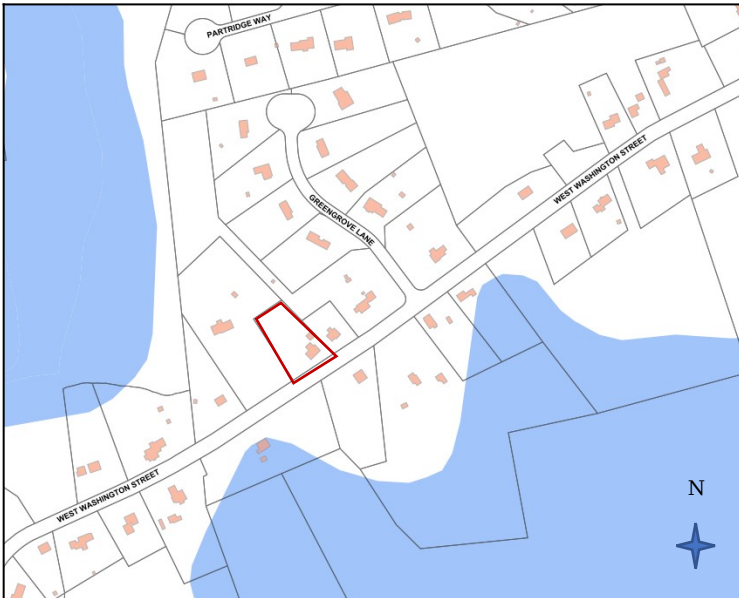
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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form
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Town/City: Hanson

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Address: 190 West Washington Street

Historic Name: High Street School/Lawrence
and Ann McGough House

Uses: Present: Single-Family
Residential
Original: Primary School

Date of Construction: ca. 1830- 1856

Source: White's History, Plan 3 No. 52

Style/Form: No Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Clapboard, Wood
Shingle, Stone Siding /Wood

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Barn

Major Alterations (*with dates*): Front porch
(installed ca 1882 or 1924), shed dormers, one-
story addition to southwest corner, aluminum
clapboard siding, faux stone siding, and aluminum
windows

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☐ yes ☒ **Date:**
ca. 1867

Acreage: .72 Acres

Setting: Located on one of Hanson's main
thoroughfares in an area of predominantly single-
family homes ranging from early eighteenth
century farmhouses to late twentieth century
suburban development on large lots which
includes grass lawns and numerous mature trees,
bushes, and other vegetation.

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The one-and-a-half cottage has been significantly altered on all visible facades and its original design is not entirely clear. The house has a low but wide gable-end roof with large shed dormers on both the east and west facades which extend from wall to wall, leaving only a thin band of asphalt shingle roofing around the edges of the gable-end roof. The eaves of the gable-end roof as well as the dormers have a thick band of wood trim and project out beyond the facades on all sides. An open, hip roofed porch extends across the south façade and wraps around the southeast corner to cover half of the east facade. To the west, a one-story addition extends across the southwest corner of the house, ending flush with the south façade of the open porch. The house is sided with aluminum clapboard, wood shingles, and faux stone siding, and has both original wood and aluminum two-over-two double hung windows. A small, square brick chimney is located at the center of the gable-end roof and an even shorter chimney is located at the north end of the one-story addition.

The house faces south towards the street on an open, largely grass covered site that slopes down to the north and west. The south gable-end has a triangular vent at its peak over a large square window with heavy wood trim. The hip roof of the open porch extends across the lower edge of the pediment which has a box style corner on the right and no detailing on its left side. The porch roof has a wood board across the projecting eaves and the square, unpainted wood posts are tucked in below. A short, vertical railing detail runs along the upper edge of the porch between the posts and around the southeast corner. Below, the first two sections on the left have a horizontal wood board railing. The center section of the porch is open, and evergreen bushes to the right of the opening extend around the southeast corner. While the gable-end is aluminum clapboard sided, the first floor façade is finished in faux stone siding. A double hung window looks out onto the porch to the left of the entrance, which is hidden behind a storm door. At the west end of the porch, a door opens into the one-story, low hip roofed addition to the southwest corner. The roof of this addition hitches up over the east corner of the porch before sloping down to the west. The façades are aluminum sided but the south façade is almost entirely obscured by a large evergreen bush. On its west façade, the cement foundation of the addition extends out beyond the wall which has a large picture window at its center with double hung windows to either side. Above, the west façade's shed dormer is wood shingle sided with three small double hung windows across the façade. A wood stockade fence begins at the northwest corner of the one-story addition and extends west to the property, obscuring the rest of the first floor façade from view.

On the east façade, the front porch wraps around the southeast corner and across the south half of the façade. The faux stone siding is used within the porch on this side as well, which has two double hung windows to the left of the door at its far northern end. The door is covered by a storm door and is located across from an opening in the porch leading to the driveway. The decorative trim across the upper edge of the porch does not continue past the first porch post on this façade, and the railing is diagonal wood lattice here. Both the shed dormer and the north half of the first floor are aluminum clapboard sided. The east shed dormer also has three short windows and the first floor has two longer double hung windows.

A large gable-end roofed barn with wood shingle siding is located to the northeast of the house at the end of the long asphalt paved driveway. The barn has a large barndoor at the center of its south façade, which is otherwise hidden behind a camper and other vehicles parked in the driveway. While the area in front of the house is

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largely flat and open, tall, mature trees line the property lines to the east, north, and west. As noted above, large bushes surround the house to the south and west, and the land slopes down to the north, hiding any additional features behind the house and barn. A small garden area is also located on the east side of the house between the porch and the driveway.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

According to White's History of Hanson, the structure was built between 1830 and 1856 and located near 48 High Street across from the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Hall in South Hanson where it served as an early school. The school is clearly shown on the 1856 Walling Map of Hanson but is shown in a slightly different location on Main Street in the 1830 Smith Plan, which corresponds to White's statement that the building was constructed after 1830. According to White, the school system changed to graded classes in 1867, at which time the one room school building was sold and moved to its current location in North Hanson. White adds that an L. McGough, was paid \$27.40 for a portion of his land to create a lot for the new building. However, for many years this was the only residence in the area, labeled as belonging to "L. McGoff" on the 1879 Walker Atlas, and it seems more likely that the money paid to McGough in 1867 was to purchase a small lot for the North Hanson school located to the west of the relocated building, while the former school was converted into a home for the McGough (McGoff) family.

Lawrence McGough (1822-1889) was born in Ireland and married Irish immigrant Ann McLaughlin (1824-1900), daughter of Peter and Charlotte McLaughlin, in Charlestown in 1853. The couple moved to Hanson in 1855 where Lawrence purchased eighteen acres of land from Abigail Damon. The 1860 and 1870 U.S. Censuses list Lawrence as a farmer living on the site with his wife and four children, including son John L. McGough (b. 1857). Sometime before 1880, Lawrence McGough moved to Cohasset and went bankrupt, placing the Hanson land in the hands of an "administrator in insolvency." John L. McGough purchased the farm back from the administrator in 1880, and according to White, the house was enlarged and improved in 1882 by J.S. and M.M. Loring at a cost of \$310. Joseph S. was a housewright and carpenter, while his son, Morton M. Loring, is listed in the 1880 U.S. Census as a carriagemaker. John McGough is listed in 1880 as a laborer living in Cohasset with his family and may have hired the Lorings to fix up the old family home in preparation for moving back to Hanson. He married Mary E. Pope in Hanson in 1888 but the couple did not stay there long. By 1892, John is listed in Abington as a stone mason, and the family moved to Boston by the early twentieth century.

Whether John McGough purchased the house for his family or for his own use is not clear, but after he left Hanson the property appears to have been returned to his mother, Ann McLaughlin McGough, and it was on behalf of her estate that it was sold to

Mary S. Damon, wife of Frank W. Damon, in 1900.¹ The deed notes that the farm comprised 23 acres by that time and was the farm of the late Lawrence McGough. Frank Damon (1886-1924) was a mason. After his death, Mary sold the house to Nettie Keene in 1924, who completed major renovations on the house before selling it to Elizabeth Jenness in 1929.² Elizabeth Jenness (1888-1967) was married to Harry Jenness, a stitcher at a Hanson shoe factory, and the couple lived here with their five children. In 1956, Elizabeth sold the property to Edward

¹ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 607, Page 111

² Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 1568, Page 268

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and Eva Coulstring.³ The Coulstrings remained in the house until 1976, when it was purchased by current owners Sheila and Donald Smith.⁴

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³ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 2513, Page 365

⁴ Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, Book 4189, Page 153